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POLICE LOG

The following are excerpts from the Arlington Police Department log. The log is available to the public.

Monday, July 26

- At 9:11 a.m., police received a call after The National Alliance distributed leaflets in the Appleton Street/Wollaston Avenue area.
- At 10:01 a.m., a Summer Street resident reported someone entered an unlocked motor vehicle and stole sports equipment and cleats. An officer later recovered the items.
- At 12:58 p.m., a Massachusetts Avenue resident reported credit card fraud.
- At 1:43 p.m., police responded to Crosby Street after a resident reported a solicitor, who said he was from "city hall" and was collecting fines. According to police, the person was not an official, but was trying to scam the resident. All sanctioned town employees have police-issued identification, which they are supposed to show.
- At 6:49 p.m., police received a call from a person reporting an intoxicated man drinking from a brown paper bag on Pine Ridge Road. Police were unable to locate the man.
- At 9:59 p.m., police responded to Gardner Street and Memorial Way after youths in a motor vehicle knocked over trash cans. Officers were unable to find the suspects.

Tuesday, July 27

- At 7:54 a.m., an employee at a Broadway business called police after a lottery commission audit showed two books of scratch tickets were missing.
- At 11:06 a.m., police responded to Washington Street about a dog bite. A girl was bitten on the face and was

Monday, July 26

- At 4:18 p.m., police arrested Lamont Harris, 24, 285 Summer St., and charged him with domestic assault and battery and a warrant for disturbing the peace. Officer Michael Wesley made the arrest.
- At 6:48 p.m., police arrested Joel H. Daniels, 57, 69 Robbins Road, and charged him with assault and battery. Officer Brandon Kindle made the arrest.

Wednesday, July 28

- At 5:50 p.m., a 14-year-old was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Officer Brendan Kiernan responded to the Hardy School area after a report of an intoxicated 14-year-old boy. After the teen began screaming, swearing and struggling with officers, Kiernan made the arrest.

Thursday, July 29

- At 7:05 p.m., police arrested Jeffrey Nicholas Yunis, 56, 1073 East Lake Road, Dundee, N.Y., and charged him with

taken to Mt. Auburn Hospital. The animal control officer spoke to the dog's owner.

- At 11:54 a.m., a Summer Street resident reported a scam. She received a letter from Spain saying she won a lottery. She called the phone number, which was from Italy, and they asked her to fax her driver's license. They called later and asked her to also wire \$1,400. She wired the money via Western Union. Police are investigating.

Wednesday, July 28

- At 6:16 p.m., police responded to Herbert Road and Thorndike Street after a woman reported a man without pants. She said he was on a cellular phone and was wearing a long shirt, which covered

Arrests

domestic assault and battery. Officer Chad Brown made the arrest.

- At 10:58 p.m., police arrested Frank Paul Janusz, 48, 4 Florence Terrace, and charged him with disturbing the peace. Officer Rebecca Jordan responded to Florence Terrace concerning a neighbor problem. Jordan heard someone screaming from inside Janusz's house and entered the residence. Janusz acknowledged he was screaming, but couldn't say why he had yelled. Jordan asked the man to step out of the bathroom and the Florence Terrace man reportedly began flailing his arms, screaming and swearing. Jordan made the arrest.

Sunday, Aug. 1

- At 1:04 p.m., police arrested Bernard C. Phillips, 48, Pine Street Inn, Boston, and charged him on a warrant for possessing a Class B substance. Officer Dennis Corbett spotted Phillips at Winslow and Mystic streets and knew there was a warrant for the man's arrest. Corbett made the arrest.

him. The man left before police arrived.

- At 7:17 p.m., a Johnson Road resident called police after seeing a man on a porch of a vacant home. The resident thought the man was a trespasser. Police spoke to the man, who was working for a cleaning company.

Thursday, July 29

- At 2:07 p.m., a Massachusetts Avenue resident called police after someone stole his wallet. Police are investigating.
- At 4:12 p.m., an Intervale Road resident reported a larceny by check.

Saturday, July 31

- At 3:06 a.m., a Spring Avenue resident reported a

past assault and battery. Police are investigating.

- At 10:46 p.m., police responded to Forest Street concerning a damaged motor vehicle. Someone reportedly broke a driver's side mirror.

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- At 8:09 a.m., an Oak Hill Drive resident called police after a man, who was looking for work, asked her for money.
- At 8:55 a.m., police received a call from Kensington Road after someone smashed a car window, possibly by a BB pellet. Police received similar calls later on Park Avenue.
- At 11:39 a.m., a Magnolia Street resident reported his car was stolen.

Free Mystic River canoe trip planned on Aug. 12

Looking for a way to relax on a summer evening? Join other watershed residents for an evening paddle along the Mystic River.

Mystic River Watershed Association has two trips planned — Thursday, Aug. 12 and Thursday, Sept. 9. Each trip will meet at 6 p.m. at the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse (32 Shore Drive, Somerville — near Mystic Ave and Route 28).

They will canoe until dusk. In past years, canoers have been treated to sightings of herons, egrets, cormorants, kingfisher, turtles, and other wildlife.

The Aug. 12 trip is free and

is supported by the Alewife/Mystic River Advocates. Space is limited — so reserve early. (There will be a \$5 fee for the September trip.)

Please RSVP: John at j.gillette@hotmail.com or 617-623-6137. (Please include a contact number in case organizers need to reach you, in the event of rain). Directions are available at: 781-316-3438, janet@mysticriver.org or www.mysticriver.org.

The event is co-sponsored by the Alewife/Mystic River Advocates, Boys and Girls Club of Middlesex County and Mystic River Watershed Association.

Meetings

Thursday, Aug. 5

- Conservation Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Department of Public Works conference room, Town Hall Annex, second floor.

Monday, Aug. 9

- Thompson School Council meets at 4:30 p.m. in the school's principal's office or library.

Tuesday, Aug. 10

- Park and Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center, ground-floor conference room.

Wednesday, Aug. 11

- Zoning Bylaw Review Committee meets at 8 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, second-floor conference room.

Thursday, Aug. 12

- Cultural Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Cutter House.
- Arlington Historic District Commissions meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Whittemore-Robbins House.

Kaufman office hours set for Aug. 17

Rep. Jay Kaufman, who represents Arlington precincts 14, 17, 20 and 21 in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, invites all

interested residents to drop in for his Arlington office hours this month.

He will be at Panera Bread, 1398 Massachusetts Ave., on

Tuesday, Aug. 17 from 8 to 9 a.m. You may also meet with Rep. Kaufman by appointment through his office at 617-722-2552.

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Authors who would like to submit their books for our book review section in Arlington Arts, our quarterly arts section, may send a copy of their work to The Arlington Advo-


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The next arts quarterly is scheduled in September. In order to be reviewed, please send us books by Sept. 1 so we

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Baby Safe Havens become law

TM opposed idea

BY ROBERTO SCALESE
STAFF WRITER

Massachusetts has passed a Baby Safe Haven law, which will allow women who give birth to drop off their child at designated safe locations without fear of prosecution.

The law, signed by Lt. Gov. Kerry Healy last week, established hospitals, police and fire buildings as safe havens for mothers who have given birth to a baby they do not want. The mother can also receive medical attention without giving any personal information to authorities under the law, which is designed to prevent child abandonment.

Baby Safe Haven Yes is a group formed to place the baby safe haven issue on local ballots. Founder Michael Morrissey said the group's work has just begun. With the law now signed in Massachusetts, advocates will work to have every New England state adopt changes to match the New Hampshire state law on safe havens.

The New Hampshire law gives mothers and medical professionals more flexibility by allowing people to call

EMT services and arrange drop-offs. In that way, EMTs can advise mothers on proper care and the baby will get to a proper medical facility quickly, said Morrissey.

Morrissey said Baby Safe Haven Yes would form a foundation to help run a safe haven hotline for Massachusetts. Anyone with concerns about a pregnancy can call 877-796-HOPE and speak with medical professionals who will help make sure the health of mother and child is preserved, he said.

The foundation will serve as a New England chapter of the Children of Hope Foundation, a New York-based organization dedicated to Baby Safe Haven laws.

As for the Baby Safe Haven ballot questions, which appear in several districts in the commonwealth, Morrissey said they will stay on the ballot. The group will use the non-binding referendums to help enact some changes to the law as passed by the commonwealth. They will also work for successful passage of the law in Vermont.

"We are looking to amend all of the laws in New England to mirror the New Hampshire version of the law," said Morrissey.

Morrissey said another pri-

ority is to get the message out to young people that the law now exists as a safety net. The foundation will work with college media and high school groups to spread awareness about the law.

"Right now, we want to get the word out about the law," said Morrissey. "The message needs to get out to young women and men to utilize the law if they need it."

Morrissey stressed callers to the hotline will be urged to either keep the child or offer the baby up for adoption.

"No one wants anyone to use the safe havens. They are a last option. They are a safety net," said Morrissey.

State Rep. Anne Paulsen (D-Belmont) has been a vocal opponent of the measure, saying the law would legalize abandonment at a time when the state has slashed programs to help young women make better choices about pregnancy and child-raising. She said she hopes promises of educating young women and the people that will help them are kept.

"I will certainly live by the rule of the majority, but I will also do everything I can to make sure young people have the help they need," said Paulsen. "We used to have 17 programs to help young

women in their teenage years who are subject to or already have had a baby and we've now limited that to two. After many years of making sure people are protected, we are legalizing child abandonment."

Earlier this year, Morrissey led the charge to have individual communities support Baby Safe Havens. According to Morrissey, Arlington was the only one to turn down the idea.

After a contentious discussion at Town Meeting, the voting body voted against Baby Safe Havens. Opponents said the idea was being promoted by pro-life advocates, questioned whether a law would help and spoke out about a mother abandoning her baby without giving officials the family's medical history.

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State Supreme Court: It's OK to put Level 3 sex offenders on Web

BY ROBERTO SCALESE
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The Supreme Judicial Court ruled Tuesday the state may use Web sites to post information about Level 3 sex offenders. Arlington will likely post the information of the three most dangerous sex offenders in town in the wake of the decision.

Level 3 offenders are considered the most dangerous of convicted sexual criminals because they are considered the most likely to strike again.

In the ruling, the court rejected the privacy and civil rights claims of the five defendants, saying the public's right to know if a sex offender is living in their neighborhoods overrides their desires for privacy.

Arlington Police Chief Fred Ryan hailed the ruling as a victory for parents and children.

"Obviously, we're very happy with the ruling. We think anything we can do to prevent these sexual predators from further victimizing people is a good thing," said Ryan.

The lower court's ruling to block police from posting the sex offender information from Web sites was short-sighted and posed a threat to public safety, according to Ryan.

"That lower court ruling prohibiting police departments from posting sex offender information flew in

'We think anything we can do to prevent these sexual predators from further victimizing people is a good thing.'

POLICE CHIEF FRED RYAN

the face of common sense," he said.

Ryan said the town would hold off on posting Level 3 sex offenders on its Web site until the ruling is clarified by the Attorney General's office.

"We want to wait for the attorney general's advisory before we post the information again," said Ryan.

There are currently three Level 3 sex offenders living in Arlington, said Ryan. The

Advocate printed their names, information and photos at the time they were classified as Level 3.

Level 1 and 2 sex offenders will not have their personal information posted on the Web.

"We take these matters very seriously. We keep tabs on the sex offenders in town," said Ryan.

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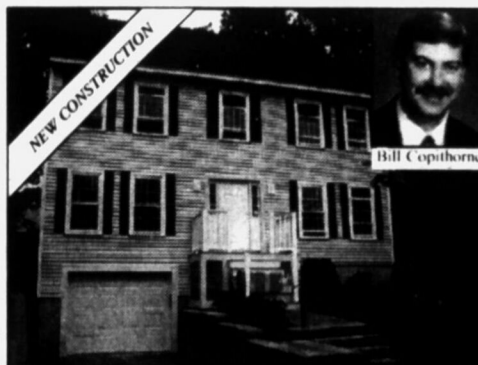
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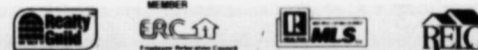
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Garden club beautifies town

BY BROOKE LEISTER
STAFF WRITER

A few times a week, Ernestine Kaliontzis unloads her jugs filled with water, grabs her metal watering can and heads to the old watering trough at the foot of the Rocks at the corner of Lowell Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

On the two tiers of the old trough, as well as around the base, Kaliontzis cares for the vibrant fuchsia geraniums, pink zinnias, white snapdragons and dark fuchsia nicotina she planted around Memorial Day.

"My husband had bought these geraniums. They were extras, so I tried to complement them," Kaliontzis said, motioning toward the brilliant geraniums.

For the past 7 years, the Arlington Garden Club member has been the keeper of the trough when it comes to flowers. Her visits depend on the weather.

"If we don't have rain, sometimes it's every day," she said, adding, "I usually don't plant white (flowers) because it doesn't show up."

Each year, Arlington Garden Club members add a splash of color to town. Whether at the old trough or at the Jason Russell House, residents can enjoy the flowers thanks to the devoted volunteers. Each year, members also plant a cherry tree near the Park Circle Water Tower.

In addition, members used to maintain the small park known as Cooke's Hollow, located on Mystic Street beside the Community Safety Building. It was built where Mill Brook emerges and flows toward Mystic Lake. The park was named for Capt. George Gooke, the recipient of the original mill privilege grant on Mill Brook. His grist mill, built around 1637, was the first to supply the area with corn.

"We used to go out (to Cooke's Hollow), but I don't believe anyone goes down there anymore," said Phyllis Roberts, a garden club member. "It's just a pretty little path that wanders down there, with a little staircase that goes up and a little bridge."

Roberts, a former garden club president and member since 1976, said members used to plant and weed Cooke's Hollow.

"It has always been a pretty little walk. Even on the hottest day, it's cool there," she said.

Nancy Richardson, membership chairman, said Cooke's Hollow was discussed at the last executive meeting and members hope to resume their involvement with the park.

At the historic Jason Russell House, members maintain the herb garden, plantings around the flag pole and an 18th century garden, Richardson said.

While the garden club is visible throughout town, members say the group used to be more involved.

"They don't maintain as many spots as they used to because the member ship is



STAFF PHOTO BY BROOKE LEISTER
Arlington Garden Club member Ernestine Kaliontzis waters plants at the Foot of the Rocks. Club members beautify a number of places in town.

getting elderly," said Betty Murray, who handles publicity for the club.

When Kaliontzis joined the group about 10 years ago, there was a waiting list. Not anymore.

"A lot of the members are elderly and many have died. Many of the younger members are working," she said.

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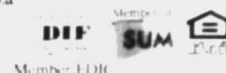
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Cuddeback against raising taxes, supports 'smart growth'

BY ROBERTO SCALESE
STAFF WRITER

Kevin Cuddeback said he wants to help the governor change Massachusetts for the better.

"I was inspired by what Mitt Romney is trying to do with state government and dismayed by some of Anne Paulsen's votes," said Cuddeback, who is running as a Republican for Paulsen's state representative seat.

Cuddeback, 38, was born in Maryland and attended business school at Northwestern University. He moved to Massachusetts after completing school. He now works for an Internet company based in Newton. He lives in Arlington within Paulsen's district, which includes Arlington Precincts 2 and 4, Belmont and parts of

Cambridge.

Cuddeback said the failed Proposition 2 1/2 override in Arlington last year has provided a glimpse of what government can do when told to tighten its belt.

"In Arlington, we've seen what kind of creative government solutions you can have when you can't raise taxes," said Cuddeback.

Rebidding the trash contract, replacing street lights with environmentally friendly bulbs and overlaying instead of rebuilding older streets have saved the town money in place of raising taxes, he said.

Cuddeback said he would try to restore some of the local aid cut to towns as the state's economy improves, but towns can't always rely on the state to provide funding.

"When there's been no

money, I think we've all surprised ourselves by how well folks have done," said Cuddeback. "As the economy recovers and more money is around, we should restore those cuts to the towns. When we had good times, that was the right thing to do."

Cuddeback pointed to insurance reform as an area the state can help residents. Massachusetts drivers have to subsidize poorer drivers in the state's regulated environment. That wastes money that could be used for smarter long-term projects, said Cuddeback.

"If I'm going to subsidize downtown folk, I'd rather subsidize public transportation instead of insurance rates," said Cuddeback.

Cuddeback has a special interest in transportation issues after studying suburban plan-

ning while at Northwestern. Initiatives like the governor's "smart growth" policy will help the state ease both transportation and housing issues, he said. (Cuddeback said he helped plan a bike path in Evanston, Ill.)

Enhancing public transportation requires this kind of planning. Building the commuter rail extension to Fall River would have resulted in more sprawl because proper suburban and urban planning was not in place for the railway, he said.

"We can all benefit from better planning," said Cuddeback.

To that end, Cuddeback said he supports the plans for a large housing project in the Belmont Uplands.

"The town of Belmont has done a good job of balancing the various interests," said Cud-

deback. "Seeing something there is better than seeing nothing. Folks can't ignore the benefits of development."

Cuddeback said he would support a proposed land swap to place the housing project on state land along Route 2 if the idea is feasible.

"I think we were too quick to rule out the Belmont Hill proposal to put a field there," said Cuddeback of the Route 2 land. "That could have been a solution that both gave Belmont Hill its field and also in an emergency situation create storm water retention."

Cuddeback said he would vote to put the gay marriage amendment on the ballot in 2006. While people may disagree on whether to support the measure, they should at least be given the chance to make their voices heard, he



Kevin Cuddeback

said.

"The reality is there's no legislative remedy in this case and that it should go to the people is not a bad thing," said Cuddeback. "The worst thing a legislator could do is remand some of its decisions to judges."

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All interested Democrats are cordially invited. The committee will report on the Democratic National Convention and discuss ongoing campaign activities.

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The Robbins Library and the Minuteman Library Network are working together to provide an online directory containing information about community groups and agencies operating in Arlington and other Minuteman towns.

The Community Information Database (C.I.D.) includes information on all types of community organizations, including cultural, social, civic, educational, professional and recreational groups. Each listing in the database provides the name of a contact person, an address, telephone number and a description of meetings, programs and/or services. Information is searchable by name or keyword.

The C.I.D. Database is available from all Minuteman computers in the Robbins Library. Home Internet access are available as well.

If you would like more information or know of a group that should be included in the C.I.D., please call Bob James at 781-316-3220 or stop by the Reference Desk of the Robbins Library for an application.

Info available for small businesses

The Robbins Library offers access to a wealth of information designed to help small business owners. The collection in the 650s targets books on ideas for home-based business, books on using the Internet to promote your business, personnel issues, sales, direct marketing and women in business.

The Employment and Education aisle in the Reference Room offers books on schooling and careers in specific fields of interest. Watch for book displays in the Reference Room in July, August and September.

Helpful sources are available in the Reference Department as well. If you need a supplier of a product or a list of contacts for a particular line of business, "Thomas' Directory of American Manufacturers" has thousands of listings. "The Encyclopedia of Associations" supplies contact information related to all subjects and professional groups.

New editions of the "Massachusetts Manufacturer's Directory" and the "Dun & Bradstreet Regional Business Directory" are located at the Reference Desk.

Expanding your market? "Reference USA" is an online database, which locates companies both profit and non-profit accessed by name, type of business and geographic areas. You may print lists for .15/page.

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Work is a day at the beach

■ **LIFEGUARD**, FROM PAGE 1

ming lessons. It was Hafén's third lesson of the week. For 45 minutes, she and her sister, Ashley showed the children how to blow bubbles through their noses, do the frog kick and practice back floats and forward kicking.

"Are you watching?" Hafén asked as she glided past the children. "Look at my legs. They're frog legs!"

After lessons, she began her guard duties. Guards usually aren't on the chairs for more than 45 minutes at a time. After each chair shift, they get a 15- to 30-minute break.

By 11:15 a.m., the parking lot was beginning to fill up and mothers and young children staked their spots on the beach. Five lifeguards were on duty, as well as a gate attendant, maintenance worker and the beach supervisor.

"It's mostly moms," Hafén said of a typical day's visitors. "We do have a good amount of lappers who come and swim laps."

Since she's been a guard, Hafén, who will be Belmont High School's field hockey captain this year, has not had to make any major rescues.

"There's always little kids

'You're outside, which is awesome. As much as I love kids, it's also nice to keep them safe. There's not too many lifeguard jobs you can get as a teenager.'

JAYLYNN HAFÉN



JayLynn Hafén, 14, a lifeguard at Reservoir Beach, is relieved by her replacement.

who think they can go out farther than they can and I've had to pull them out of the water. We haven't had any near drownings," she said.

Unless the weather is a complete wash, Hafén and the other guards report to duty. On slow days, there's not much to do.

"It hasn't been very nice this summer, so it's been pretty slow," she said. "On slow days, it's not very exciting. We just wait for people to come. It's pretty boring."

Last summer, she and the rest of the staff cleaned up after geese, who frequented the park. Not so this summer.

"Last year, we had dogs come in to clear them away,"

she said. "Last year, we had to clean that up (the droppings) — that was part of our job."

As for Hafén's duties, there's little question about what she enjoys the most — swimming lessons.

"Hearing the compliments from the parents and hearing the kids say my name" is the best part, she said.

The beach is supervised from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in August. Daily passes may be purchased at the beach. Weekday rates are \$4 per person, while weekend rates are \$6 per person.

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